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1. It has been estimated that the Chinese Communists have the capability now of lifting 200,000 armed troops from the mainland to Formosa. In view of the numbers of craft available to the Communists, estimated to be as many as 4,000, the relatively short distances involved, the limited United States naval forces that are available, and their frequent employment in the Korean area, it appears that Communist craft and military personnel might reach the coast of Formosa in sufficient numbers to jeopardize seriously the political and military stability of the Nationalist Government and to cause major defection of its ground forces, and thus to cause the loss of Formosa.

2. The Chinese Communists have announced their intention of capturing Formosa. The successful accomplishment of the mission of defending Formosa against invasion by the Communists is seriously hazarded by Chinese Communist capabilities, but it is possible that this unfortunate position can be corrected in part if the Chinese Nationalists can make timely efforts to defend Formosa.

3. In light of the above estimate, the JCS have recommended to the Sec Def that:

(a). The pertinent part of the President's statement of 27 June be so clarified as to permit the Nationalist Government to employ its military forces in defensive measures to prevent Communist amphibious concentrations directed against Formosa or the Pescadores. Such defensive measures should include attacks on such concentrations on the

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mainland and mining of those mainland water areas from which such an assault could be staged.

(b). The Government of the United States inform the Nationalist Government that it is free to enhance the security of Formosa by the measures suggested.

4. Any comments you may have are requested soonest.

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